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MS PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), is a Continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP02/09816 filed on September 25, 2002.

Inventor(s): Hiroshi OKAMOTO

For: ROD-SHAPED ARTICLE FORMING DEVICE

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of seventeen (17) pages
- Five (5) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2001-297088 filed in Japan on September 27, 2001.
- Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
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- Priority of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP02/09816 filed on September 25, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
- Executed Declaration Original Photocopy
- An assignment of the invention
- Preliminary Amendment
- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
- Other:

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